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Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application. Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18. (Currently amended) A compound of a diffusion multiple having the formula (II)



where ~~Li is lithium~~, Na is sodium, ~~Mg is magnesium~~, K is potassium, ~~Ca is calcium~~, ~~Al is aluminum~~; B is boron, C is carbon and N is nitrogen, and Si is silicon; ~~a, b, and c, d, e and f~~ may be the same or different and have values from 0 to 1; and x and y have values in a range of from ~~of about~~ 1 to about 22.

Claim 19. (Cancelled)

Claim 20. (Currently amended) A composition comprising:

a hydride of a compound, wherein the compound is ~~AlSi, Ca₂Si, CaSi, CaSi₂, KSi, K₄Si₂₃, Li₂₂Si₅, Li₁₃Si₄, Li₂Si₃, Li₁₂Si₇, Mg₂Si, NaSi, NaSi₂, Na₄Si₂₃~~, or a combination comprising at least two ~~one~~ of the foregoing compounds.

Claims 21-29 (Cancelled)